

Environmental Regulations Guide

Section 10 Solid Waste

10.0 Solid Waste: ARS 49-701ff; AAC title 18, chapter 13; Maricopa County EHC chapter II

Purpose

To manage all solid wastes to protect human health and the environment and to minimize the volume of solid wastes deposited in landfills annually.

Helpful Details

Arizona has adopted federal regulation in the area of solid waste management. Under Arizona law, solid waste means, any garbage, trash, rubbish, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semiliquid or contained gaseous material. Arizona specifically excludes from the solid waste definition domestic sewage, hazardous wastes, wastes that contain radioactive material, any discharge from a facility with an aquifer protection permit, discharges permitted under the Clean Water Act, discharges into a publicly or privately owned treatment works, irrigation works, reclaimed water, stormwater, water used in gardening and ponds used for watering livestock.

The City of Scottsdale collects solid wastes from citizens and transports the waste to the Salt River/Pima/Maricopa Indian Community landfill. There is no landfill within the Scottsdale city limits. The city maintains a transfer station north of the CAP canal to more efficiently handle increasing volumes of solid waste from the growing northern part of the city.

Agency Contacts:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Division 3033 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012 (602) 207-2338	City of Scottsdale Solid Waste Department 9191 E. San Salvador Road Scottsdale, AZ 85258 (480) 312-5600
Salt River/Pima /Maricopa Indian Community Landfill Gilbert Rd.& Beeline Hwy. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (480) 941-3427	

Actions Required

The City of Scottsdale staff is encouraged to voluntarily find ways to reduce the volume of solid waste generated in city operations/facilities. Contact the Environmental Office for information on waste reduction opportunities & initiatives. The City's Solid Waste Division complies with Arizona & Maricopa County Solid Waste rules & provides educational programs for citizens.

Fees

The city's solid waste transfer station pays fees to the state & "tipping" fees to the landfill for solid waste disposal.

Best Numbers to Call:

- City of Scottsdale Solid Waste: (480) 312-5600
- ADEQ Solid Waste Division: (602) 207-2338
- Salt River/Pima/Maricopa Indian Community Landfill: (480) 941-3427

10.1 Recycling: ARS 49-831-837

Helpful Details:

The state program is designed to educate Arizona's citizens and business community about the importance of conserving their natural resources, of avoiding harm to the environment or public health and of promoting resource conservation, recovery and reuse by industry, the state, municipalities and counties.

ADEQ, in consultation with the State Board of Education, is charged with implementing and conducting a program of public education and information dissemination designed to increase awareness of individual responsibility for properly reducing and disposing of solid waste, and to encourage participation in recycling, reuse and source reduction.

ADEQ administers and enforces the implementation of the Arizona recycling program. The state also has a recycling coordinator who is in charge of overseeing the entire recycling program.

Agency Contact

Arizona Recycling Coalition
101 E. Central Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona
(602) 256-3170
Fax: (602) 534-9864
Contact: Karen Schult

Actions Required

The City of Scottsdale conducts a curbside, mixed recyclable program. The Solid Waste Division collects recyclables from citizens & businesses & transports them to a recycling facility. City operations have an office paper & mixed recyclables program throughout city Facilities. The city also recycles various types of batteries, toner & printer cartridges & other specialty types of recyclables.

Fees:

None

Best numbers to call:

1-800-CLEANUP

10.2 Illegal Dumping: ARS 49-791; Maricopa County EHC chapter II, section 1, Regulation 2 Maricopa County Water and Waste Management Division

Purpose

To investigate, regulate and enforce against the activity of illegal dumping in Maricopa County.

Helpful Details

Complaints of illegal dumping are investigated and coordinated with federal, state and local agencies. Illegal dumping occurs primarily in desert areas, but may also occur in urban areas such as alleys. Maricopa County coordinates the local program. If a clean up of an illegal dumpsite is required, the tipping fees for solid waste landfill disposal are waived.

Agency Contact

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department
Water and Waste Management Division
1001 N. Central Avenue, Suite 201
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 506-6666
(602) 506-6925 (fax)

Actions Required

The City of Scottsdale will assist with investigations of illegal dumping reports when the county requests assistance.

Fees

A listing of fees can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/>

Best Numbers to Call

City of Scottsdale Environmental Hotline: (480) 312-7899

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department: (602) 506-6666